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AMENDMENT

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving performance information content over a network for generating a pseudo-live performance, the method comprising:

detecting a need for the performance information content by determining that whether stored performance information content is out-of-date;

selecting a process for obtaining the needed performance information content;

executing the process for obtaining the needed performance information content; and generating the pseudo-live performance by mixing information content corresponding to one or more portions of the needed performance information content with other information content, wherein[[:]], determining that whether stored program information content is out-of-date further comprises:

transmitting a query to determine a time of a latest update of the stored performance information content,

receiving the time of latest update of the stored performance information content in response to the transmitting of the query,

accessing a time-stamp of the stored performance information content, and determining whether the time-stamp of the stored performance information content matches the time of the latest update of the stored performance information content.

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40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, further comprising:

accessing a profile, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:

a type of information content desired by an end-user;

a schedule of an end-user; and

scheduled times at which information content is transmitted by the a performance

transmitter.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, further comprising determining whether a

performance transmitter is of a type that is capable of receiving and responding to an information

a content request, wherein the determining further comprises one or more of:

transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;

passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and

accessing a profile.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, further comprising:

generating an information a content request; and

transmitting the request to the a performance transmitter via the network.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the selecting a process comprises

determining an appropriate time to receive information content from the a performance

transmitter.

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44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein generating the pseudo-live

performance comprises:

retrieving the other information content;

decoding one or more commands of the other information content; and

performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44, wherein the one or more commands includes

one or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping

commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information content, and performance

commands that reproduce stored information content from one or more specified locations of a

storage device.

46. (Currently Amended) A pseudo-live performance generator, comprising a controller that:

detects a need for performance information content by determining that stored

performance information content is out-of-date;

selects a process for obtaining the needed performance information content;

executes the process; and

generates the pseudo-live performance by mixing information content corresponding to

one or more portions of the needed performance information content with other information

content, wherein

when the controller determines that stored performance information content is out-of-

date, actions of the controller comprise:

accessing a time of a latest update of the stored performance information content,

accessing a time-stamp of the stored performance information content, and

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determining whether the time-stamp of the stored performance information content matches the time of a latest update of the stored performance information content.

47. (Currently Amended) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, further comprising:

accessing a profile, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:

a type of information content desired by an end-user;

a schedule of an end-user; and

scheduled times at which information content is transmitted by the a performance

transmitter.

48. (Currently Amended) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, wherein the controller performs one or more of:

transmitting a query signal to the a performance transmitter; passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and accessing a profile.

49. (Currently Amended) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, further comprising:

a request generator that generates an information a content request, wherein the controller transmits the request to the a performance transmitter via the network.

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50. (Currently Amended) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, wherein the

controller determines an appropriate time to receive information content from the a performance

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transmitter.

51. (Currently Amended) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, wherein the

controller:

retrieves the other information content;

decodes one or more commands of the other information content; and

performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

52. (Currently Amended) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 51, wherein the one

or more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a software

program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information

content, and performance commands that reproduce stored information content from one or more

specified locations of a storage device.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the performance information

content includes multimedia performance information content.

54. (Currently Amended) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, wherein the

performance information content includes multimedia performance information content.

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